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Application Number	/
Filing Date	
Group Art Unit	
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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

MODULE AND UNIFIED NETWORK BACKPLANE INTERFACE FOR  
LOCAL NETWORKS

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

 is attached hereto

OR

 was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY)   as United States Application Number or PCT InternationalApplication Number   and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)   (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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**AND EXCLUSION OF INVENTOR(S) UNDER 37 C.F.R. ¶ 3.71 AND**  
**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R 3.73(b)**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

1. The undersigned assignee of the entire interest in the application for Letters Patent for the invention entitled: Module and Unified Network Backplane Interface for Local Networks

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\_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ Filed \_\_\_\_\_

hereby appoints DAVID B. HARRISON, Registration No. 27,445, KATHY WILLIS, Registration No. 36,722, and MICHAEL ZARRABIAN, Registration No. 39,886, its attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, said appointment to be to the exclusion of the inventor(s) and his or her attorney(s) in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. ¶ 3.71.

Please direct all communications relative to this application to the following addressee:

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